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annoyance.

Adam is the only man to be-
come famous for falling down.

There surely is some class to
Big Stone Gap's new post office
building.

Sudden popularity ruins fall
as many men as sudden pros-
perity.

An optimist is a man who be-
lieves two can live as cheaply
as one.

The earnings of the Bell tele-
phone system increased about
three millions last year.

It's peculiar that we can't get
advice from those from whom
we would appreciate it and al-
ways get it from those from
whom we don't want it.

The real busy man always
keeps his work far enough
ahead so that he can entertain
a friend a few minutes.

A Pullman train was recently
held up in the west, but the
portor locked himself out of
sight and the bandits got noth-
ing.

Raising an aeroplane is no
trick to the man who has suc-
cessfully raised a family of
boys.

We suppose the reason
women wear the hats that
come down about their ears is
so that they can't hear the mean
things people say about them.

Some of the best things our
most successful men have pick-
ed up had been previously pass-
ed over by those who are cuss-
ing their luck.

When the additional roads
are completed under the new
district bond issue the Rich-
mond Magisterial District will
have about forty-five miles of
Macadamized highways.

The few voters in the Rich-
mond district who opposed the
bond issue to complete our sys-
tem of roads must have felt
lonesome when the vote was
counted.

The last report of Secretary
Wilson, as head of the Depart-
ment of Agriculture, which
covers the achievements of six-
teen years, the time "Tama
Jim" has served as chief of this
great branch of the government
service, is crowded with inter-
esting facts and shows what a
marvelous growth the country
has had since Mr. Wilson came
to the chieftainship of the depart-
ment. The dairy cow is one of
the principal producers of
wealth on the farm and the
value of her products in 1912 is
estimated at about \$830,000,000,
an amount exceeds the value of
the cotton lint and is nearly
equal to the combined value of
lint and seed. The lowly hen
is another of the wonderful pro-
ducers, it being estimated that
she laid during the year 1912,
1,700,000,000 dozen eggs and if

an egg is only worth a cent and
three quarters it gives the tidy
sum of \$350,000,000, and if this
is added to the value of the
fowls raised, the products of
the poultry industry on farms
amounts to about \$570,000,000.
This nearly equals the value of
the wheat crop. The animals
sold from the farm and the ani-
mals slaughtered on it together
number about 111,000,000, and
the farm value of these animals
is estimated at \$1,930,000,000.
Most productive of all agri-
cultural years in this country
has been 1912, declares the re-
port. The earth has produced
its greatest annual dividend.
The sun and the rain and the
fertility of the soil paid no heed
to human controversies, but
kept on working in co-operation
with the farmers' efforts to uti-
lize them. The reward is a
high general level of produc-
tion. The man behind the plow
has filled the Nation's larder,
cramped the storehouses, and
will send liberal supplies to
foreign countries.

Says the Charleston News
and Courier:

Woodrow Wilson has been
warmly welcomed over and
over again in many places, not
only as a candidate for office,
but often when a college pro-
fessor, and he will often again
be warmly welcomed at home
and abroad, no doubt; but we
fancy that he never has been
more cordially received than
he was received at Staunton
last night. Augusta county,
Virginia, is one of the most
prosperous in the valley. It is
famed for the hospitality of its
citizens and the ideals of its
social life. It stood with old
Virginia in the dark days and
it has been a proud part of old
Virginia ever since. Not only
has the South had reason to re-
joice greatly that at last her
position in the Union has been
vindicated by the election of a
Southern man to the presidency
but Virginia especially rejoices
that Southerner is her native
son, re-establishing her claim
as "The Mother of Presidents"
and once more asserting her
place as a leader of National
thought. Therefore, Virginians
generally have turned to Staun-
ton to join in the great
home-coming celebration which
is a fitting climax of almost
half a century of peace and
reunion. Mr. Wilson feels the
significance of the occasion.
He slept last night where first
he saw the light of day. His
people have not forgotten him.
They are proud of him and
proud of the cause for which he
stands. The celebration and
ovation are typically Virginian.
There is plenty of heart behind
the noise and lights. The
President-elect must feel it and
he must rejoice exceedingly
therefor.

From Keokee.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Shephard's two at-
tractive daughters, Misses Louise and
Gladys, left Saturday for Corbin, Ky.,
where they are attending school at St.
John's Institute.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Tag-
gart will be glad to learn that their
little son, Ralph, Jr., is considerably bet-
ter of pneumonia at this writing.

Dr. Arlan of Bristol, spent several
days in Keokee on professional business.

Dr. and Mrs. Lloyd of Big Stone Gap,
were in Keokee Friday. Dr. Lloyd filling
his regular appointment.

Miss Margaret Bullitt, of Big Stone
Gap, spent several days with her sister,
Mrs. R. E. Taggart, during the severe
illness of her little nephew, Ralph, Jr.

Miss Rebecca Reynolds left several
days ago to visit homefolks in Middle-
bury.

E. T. Shephard, our general supervisor,
was presented this Xmas with a fine gold
watch by the employees of Keokee. Mr.
Shephard is the possessor of many
friends in fact his friends are numbered
by his acquaintances, and he is held in
high esteem by all who know him. Mr.
Shephard was surprised when he was
presented with such a beautiful and val-
uable gift, and said that words could not
express his pleasure and appreciation.

Deaconess Adams certainly remembered
everyone very pleasantly Xmas. We
do not think there could have been a
person overlooked or forgotten.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR.

Mr. Editor:—
As the Mayor is the Muni-
cipal head of our town, I pre-
sume he is the proper one to
obtain Municipal information
from, therefore, as a citizen I
would like to ask Mayor Fleenor
why, during his term as may-
or the "Tax on amount is \$1.40
on \$100.00" instead of \$1.25 as
it had been for years prior to
his incumbency as Mayor.
Citizen.

Commissioner Koerner's New
Annual Report Is Just
Being Sent Out.

The Annual Report of Com-
missioner Koerner for 1912 is
now coming off the press. The
Report is very interesting and
valuable to the practical farmer.
Within its pages is gathered
a vast amount of new data
and information that the aver-
age farmer would otherwise
probably never see, because he
has not the opportunity to get
it or does not know where to
apply for it. Comm'r Koerner,
being a practical farmer him-
self, knows just what helps the
farmer needs to increase his
profits. The Report carries a
spirit of encouragement to the
farmer to give more thought to
his farming operations.

This Report is well illustrat-
ed. Mr. Koerner was the first
Commissioner in the South to
illustrate his Annual Reports.
This Report states that the ag-
ricultural values in Virginia
have largely increased within
the past twelve years. The
values have gone up from \$423,
000,000 in 1900 to \$715,000,
000 in 1912. The Department
of Agriculture has issued this
year one million Bulletins to
our Virginia farmers. The
number of farms has increased
more than 20,000 and the size of
the farms has decreased from
250 acres to 160 acres. The far-
mer is learning the important
lesson that it pays better to
farm on the intensive plan,
which simply means to grow
more on less acres.

The important subject of Soil
Improvement is emphasized in
this Bulletin. The Commission-
er states that he has kept this
important subject to the fore-
front and will continue to do so
as he regards this as the foun-
dation of all successful farming.
The work of the Department is
broadening each year. Besides
the publication of many Bullet-
ins, the work of fertilizer anal-
ysis, the inspection of agri-
cultural seeds, the issuing of
Hog Cholera Serum, which has
saved the farmers \$100,000.00
from loss the past year, the
battle with the insect enemies
of the farmer in fruit and vege-
table growing, the Lime Law,
the chestnut blight disease that
is destroying millions of dollars
in our forests, the dissemination
of helpful information by Farm-
ers Institutes that have been
held all over the State, and the
establishment of small Experiment
Stations in the State.

The report contains 200 pages
is devoted largely to the dis-
cussing of important subjects
that are helpful to the farmer,
such as Soil Investigation,
Breeding Plot for Corn, Why
We Should Grow Cover Crops,
How to Eradicate Worst Weeds
Cultivation is Fertility, How
the Soil Takes Phosphoric Acid,
Some Fundamental Principles
of Fertility Maintenance, How
to Keep Permanent Pastures,
Breeding of Draft Horses in
Virginia, Practical Points about
Dairying, Silo, a Necessity on
the Farm, Crops Profitable to
Graze for Hogs, A List of Fruits
Best Suited to Different Sections
of Virginia, Methods in Orchard
Cultivation, Spraying Orchards
Use of Concrete on Farm, Use
of Gasoline Engines on Farm,
Drainage, Co-operation, Its
Benefits, Successful Tobacco
Growing, Hydrometer and Its
Value to Fruit Growers, A Dis-
cussion of Help for Farmers by
Co-operative Credits in Secur-
ing Loans on Long Time and
Low Rate of Interest. Every
farmer in the State should read
this valuable Report. It can be
had by application to Comm'r
Koerner, who will be glad to
send it to all parties not on
mailing list who will send him
their names for this list.

An Appalachia school marm
got mixed up in the winding
door at our new Federal build-
ing the other day and in her ef-
fort to get on the inside found
herself where she started from,
and going away was heard to
remark that she was not going
to tackle that thing any more.

Special Sale on All Shoes This Week.

Wear the
Red Cross Shoe
Absolute comfort—all styles

We have the Red Cross shoe in every style,
from the extreme common sense to the very fash-
ionable. Wear any model you want—you get
absolute comfort.

Its sole is flexible, bends with your foot. This
prevents the burning and drawing caused by stiff
soles. It rests and relieves your foot in the way
you have longed for. Your feet never tire in
the Red Cross Shoe.

Let us show you the styles that will be worn
this season.

Oxfords, \$3.50 and \$4; High Shoes, \$4 and \$5

"Comfort and style combined. Just what I
was looking for."



"It bends with your foot"



W. W. Taylor & Sons.

Remarkable Recovery.

Three weeks ago little Ralph
Taggart, the eighteen months
old child of Mr. and Mrs. R. E.
Taggart, of Keokee, was taken
sick with pneumonia. For the
first week he did well and
seemed to be on the road to re-
covery. He suffered a relapse,
however, on the tenth day,
and his condition became criti-
cal. Doctor Tudor, who had
charge of the case, called to his
assistance Doctor Ardan, of
Bristol, formerly of Keokee.
These two, with two trained
nurses and his brave little
mother, watched him night
and day for over a week. Three
times the doctors feared each
moment would be his last; but
they never gave up, and kept
his heart going with first one
heart-stimulant then another.
Each time he rallied, and
after the last crisis, a week ago,
it was evident that the fever
was broken and the victory won.
The baby is now out of danger.
All honor, thanks and con-
gratulations to the doctors and
nurses.

GRANDDAD

W. G. Banks Dead.

W. G. Banks, after a linger-
ing illness of more than a year
of Bright's disease, died at his
home here on Sunday about
noon. He had been very low
for several days and his death
was not unexpected. He was
about 45 years of age, and
leaves a wife and five children,
all of whom were here at the
time of his death, except
Simon, who belongs to the
navy and is at the present time
stationed in China. Funeral
services were conducted at the
residence Monday morning by
Rev. J. B. Craft, pastor of the
Baptist Church, of which the
deceased was a member, and
the remains were taken to Tur-

Blue Grass Family Scales.



So many cooking recipes now days call
for "14 pounds butter," "3 pounds
sugar," "2 pounds lard," etc., that to
"guess" at the weight of any certain in-
gredient often results in disappointment
if not complete failure.

We sell you the Blue Grass Family
Scales at such a reasonable price it's
extravagance to be without one. A spoil-
ed cake (due to guess-weight) frequently
means the price of a scale.

Then you'll also want to verify the
weights of your purchases from day to
day. The frames of the Blue Grass are
steel sheet. The entire scale is substan-
tially built. Dial sets at a slant-makes
reading easy. Every pantry should have
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Let's sell you a Blue Grass. Its ac-
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vice. Positions secured for all who prepare for office work or all tuition refund-
ed. We have more calls for office help than we can supply and the demand for
our graduates is increasing.

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January 6th. Write or call at once for our Special Rates.

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key Cove where burial took
place in the Stemp cemetery
Monday afternoon. The de-
ceased was a good citizen, a
good husband and father, and
the sympathy of the entire com-
munity is with the bereaved
family.

Mr. H. H. Kennedy, who has
been mining foreman at Little
Toms Creek operation has ten-
dered his resignation and has
accepted a similar position with
the Stonega people and will
have charge of a Mine at Ston-
ega—Coeburn Journal.

Piano Contest.

The following candidates
have entered the contest for
the Piano given away by S. A.
Horton & Company and the
Big Stone Gap Post, full par-
ticulars of which appears else-
where in this issue, and at the
counting of the votes Monday
received the following:

BIG STONE GAP.	
Miss Blanch Kilbourn	1,900
Miss Corrie Gilliam	19,225
Mrs. J. A. Morris	15,965
Miss Rosa Spoles	42,363
Mrs. H. M. Edens	40,545
Miss Little Horton	30,210
Miss Virgie Masters	32,571
Miss Cleo Savard	42,882
Miss Ellen Wax	33,355
Miss Lizzie Horton	43,377
Miss Ora Clark	29,806
Miss Alice Archer	31,800
Miss Besale Palmer	14,700
Miss Ruth Jones	19,000
Miss Fannie Johnson	37,935
Mrs. T. E. Sturgill	36,851
Miss Cora Colvard	29,900
Miss Virgie Jones	31,965
Miss Ethel Herron	35,200
Miss Amanda Lambert	9,000
BIG STONE GAP—R. F. D. No. 1.	
Miss Imogene Heaman	30,060
Miss Hattie Kaylor	43,150
Mrs. Will Hammonds	33,115
Mrs. O. P. Mason	36,210
BIG STONE GAP—R. F. D. No. 2.	
Miss Octave Parsons	31,325
CADET.	
Mrs. R. L. Rowis	7,635
Mrs. W. M. Pippins	46,756
APPALACHIA.	
Miss Myrtle Smith	37,150
IMBODEN.	
Miss Pearl Cowan	39,986

Piano Contest

Piano given away by

E. M. COOPER & SONS,
KEOKEE, VA.

100 votes with every dollar
purchase, and 200 votes on old
accounts. With every dollar
paid on subscription to The Big
Stone Gap Post 1000 votes will
be given.

Contest Closes April 30, 1913.

Standing of Candidates, Jan. 4, 1913

KEOKEE, VA.	
Miss Malinda Witt	194,250
Mrs. G. W. King	191,260
Miss Verlie Tiller	200,300
Miss Violet Thompson	36,750
Miss Malinda Hoff	1,200
Miss Malinda Morris	31,200
Miss Nettie Morris	11,000
Mrs. T. F. Robbins	77,700
Mrs. Nellie Marzore	71,850
Miss Maude Fleenor	31,050
Mrs. T. N. Legg	17,950
Mrs. George Gibson	3,100
Miss Edith Cochran	9,100
Miss Nellie Fletcher	55,600
Mrs. John Edens	8,500
Miss Rhoda Jones	5,750
Miss Helen Palmer	34,200
Miss Ethel Morris	39,350
Miss Mary Pratt	11,600
Mrs. Nellie Lavins	37,250
Miss Ethel Herron	64,850
Miss Arkie Clark	7,700
Miss Appie Morris	2,100
Miss Audna King	6,150
Miss Mary Cooper	32,100
Mrs. E. Teague	11,250
Miss Mollie Lane	28,200
Miss Martha Dean	3,750
Mrs. Chas. Swacker	36,800
Mrs. J. D. Clay	4,550
Miss Hazel Blevins	29,150
Miss Anna May Cleek	3,400
Miss Grace Shepherd	2,900
Miss Susie Legg	47,300
Mrs. R. F. Culbertson	3,800
Miss Harriette Dotson	12,550
Miss Myrtle Day	3,350
Miss Stella Gibson	3,500

KEOKEE, VA.—R. F. D.

Miss Una Collier	7,500
Miss Maude Lunningham	6,500
Miss Alice Robbins	7,000
Mrs. Bertha Collinsworth	5,700